

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy comprising, as an active ingredient, ~~modifications of~~ Staphylococcal enterotoxin B (SEB) ~~with~~ having a substitution of at least one amino acid ~~residues~~ residue within the amino acid sequence of natural type SEB, ~~or derivatives thereof~~, wherein said SEB having said substitution ~~modifications or derivatives thereof~~ ~~have~~ has inhibitory activity on T cell activation wherein ~~they~~ ~~interact~~ said SEB having said substitution interacts with specific V $\beta$  component of T cell receptor (TCR) but ~~are~~ is reduced in ~~their~~ immunological responsiveness to SEB without inducing elimination of T cells having specific V $\beta$  component, the elimination being normally induced by natural type SEB or recombinant wild-type SEB, wherein said SEB having said substitution is

- (a) an SEB having an amino acid substitution at a position corresponding to the 9-position of natural type SEB with a protein-constituting amino acid other than aspartic acid, or a derivative thereof;
- (b) an SEB having an amino acid substitution at a position corresponding to the 23-position of natural type SEB with a protein-constituting amino acid other than asparagine, or a derivative

thereof; or

- (c) an SEB having an amino acid substitution at a position corresponding to the 44-position of natural type SEB with a protein-constituting amino acid other than phenylalanine, or a derivative thereof

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy of ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, wherein said SEB having said substitution is an ~~modifications or derivatives thereof are~~ SEB having an amino acid substitution at a position corresponding to the 9-position ~~on the basis~~ of natural type SEB with asparagine.

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) The prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein said SEB having said substitution is an ~~modifications or derivatives thereof are~~ SEB having an amino acid substitution at a position corresponding to the 23-position ~~on the basis~~ of natural type SEB with tyrosine, aspartic acid, isoleucine or lysine, or a derivative ~~derivatives~~ thereof.

6. (Withdrawn) The prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy of claim 1 wherein said SEB modifications or derivatives thereof are SEB having amino acid substitution at the 41-position on the basis of natural type SEB with a protein-constituting amino acid other than isoleucine plus amino acid substitution either at the 44-position with a protein-constituting amino acid other than phenylalanine or at the 45-position with a protein-constituting amino acid other than leucine, or derivatives thereof.

7. (Withdrawn) The prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy of claim 6 wherein said SEB modifications or derivatives thereof are SEB having amino acid substitution at the 41-position on the basis of natural type SEB with arginine or threonine plus amino acid substitution either at the 44-position with valine or at the 45-position with valine, or derivatives thereof.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) The prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy of ~~claim 8~~ claim 1, wherein said SEB having said substitution is an ~~modifications or derivatives thereof are~~ SEB having an amino acid substitution at a position corresponding to the 44-position ~~on the basis~~ of natural type SEB with serine, or a derivative ~~derivatives~~ thereof.

10. (Currently Amended) The prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy of claim 9, which is for oral administration.

11. (Currently Amended) The prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy of claim 10, which is an aqueous solution having pH and ionic strength that are physiologically acceptable.

12. (Currently Amended) The prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy of claim 11, wherein a substance selected from the group consisting of carbohydrates, sugars, sugar alcohols and amino acids is present in an amount sufficient for providing the solution with a physiologically acceptable tonicity.

13. (Currently Amended) The prophylactic/remedy for immunopathy of any one of claims ~~1 to 12~~ 1-5 and 8-12, which is used for prophylactic/remedy of rheumatoid arthritis.